THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) A statement showing the required information is attached. *[See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 131].

Restriction on Journalists to visit restricted areas of Punjab and Assam

3473. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lifted the restriction imposed on foreign journalists holding Government of India's accreditation cards to visit any place or area falling under the restricted areas of Punjab and Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for lifting the restriction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To counter the malicious and anti India propaganda in the foreign press, foreign journalists holding valid accreditation cards issued by Press Information Bureau of Government of India have been permitted since 1985 to visit the restricted areas of Punjab and Assam without the requirement of Restricted Area Permits.

Communal Riots

3474. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) what is the total number 01 communal riots and the number of persons killed, value of property damaged in the country during the last three years, with yearwise break-up of facts in details; and

(b) what is the total number of communal riots and the number of persons killed in rural and urban areas in different States in the country with breakup of figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) On the basis of avaiiable information, the particulars of major communal riots which occurred in the country during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 are as-under;—

SI. No. 1	Name of Place/State 2	No. of Persons killed 3	Total loss of property (Rs. in lakhs) 4
	1984		
1	Bangalore (March) Karnataka	7	
2	Kidderpore (March) West Bengal	4	
3	Dharwar (May & June) Karnataka	15	60.02
4	Bhiwandi, Thane, Kalyan and Bombay (May & June) Maharashtra	278	766.00
5	Hyderabad (July & Sept.) Andhra Pradesh .	40	24 66
6	Maunath Bhanjan (October) Uttar Pradesh	7	0.97

1	2	3	4
		1985	
1	Tandur District Ranga Reddy (Feb. 10-12) Andhra Pradesh		10.00
2	Sultan Shahi and other areas of Hyderabad City (March 8-11) Andhra Pradesh .	6	0.36
3	Nataraj Nagar and other areas of Hyderabad City (March 21-26) Andhra Pradesh	4	0-15
4	Gujarat (Till 23-7-1985)	237	589-29
5	Saharanpur (July) Uttar Pradesh	5	.44
		1986	
1	Nawada (April) Bihar Ahmedabad (Jan., March to July) Gujarat Jan. March July Veraval (March,) Gujarat	10 9 5 4 49 13	N.A.; **According to the Govt. 773 of Bihar 0 38 only 3 dea- 0 05 the can be 63 16 attributed solely to 246.98 Communal Violence.
	Nadiad (Aug.) Gujarat Baroda (Sept.) Gujarat	7 5	101 3-81
3	Ramanagaram (July) Karnataka	5	3 34
	Mangalore (Dec.) Karnataka Mysore (Dec.) Karnataka	11 4	127 65 10.20
4	Sehore (Feb.) Madhya Pradesh	8	100.00
5	Nasik (May) Maharashtra; Panwal (May) Maharashtra	8 2	43-05 66 48
	Amravati (Nov.) Maharashtra	7	5.83
6	Meerut (Feb.) Uttar Ptadesh	2	7.42
	Neuria (Distt. Pilibhit) (March) Uttar Pradesh	26	054
	Allahabad (June Uttar Pradesh	9	2-65